

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

) Criminal No. 21-cr-10172-NMG

v.

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JAMES KENNETH COUTURE,
Defendant.

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JOINT STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST TO CONTINUE INITIAL STATUS CONFERENCE

The United States of America and the defendant through undersigned counsel, respectfully submit this status report and move this Court to grant a continuance of the time within which the trial of the charged offenses must commence.

On July 22, 2021, the grand jury returned an Indictment in this matter. The Defendant was arraigned on July 23, 2021. This Court excluded the time from the arraignment until the next status conference on September 16, 2021.

The United States has sine produced a substantial amount of discovery to the defense. Counsel for the Defendant has begun reviewing the materials but seeks an additional 60 days to review and consider the discovery in this case and engage in discussions about a potential resolution.

EXCLUSION OF TIME UNDER THE SPEEDY TRIAL ACT

The parties jointly request that the status conference scheduled for September 16, 2021 be continued for approximately 60 days, but also agree that the time period until the next status conference constitutes “the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence,” and that the ends of justice served by granting the requested continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(7)(A) and 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv) and Sections 5(b)(7)(A), 5(b)(7)(B) and 5(b)(7)(C)(iv) of the *Plan for Prompt Disposition of Criminal Cases* for the United States District Court

for the District of Massachusetts. The parties request that the Court exclude the time period from September 16, 2021 (the date of the scheduled status conference) through the date of the next status conference, from the speedy trial clock, pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(7)(A) and 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv) and Sections 5(b)(7)(A), 5(b)(7)(B) and 5(b)(7)(C)(iv) of the *Plan for Prompt Disposition of Criminal Cases* for the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (effective December 2008), on the ground that the ends of justice served by granting the requested continuance and excluding these periods outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

Respectfully submitted,

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